LIFETIME DOG LICENSE



Code of Virginia Allows Lifetime Dog License

The Code Of Virginia 3.2–6530(B) states: The governing body of a county or city may by ordinance provide for a lifetime dog license. Such a license shall be valid only as long as the animal's owner resides in the issuing locality and the animal's rabies vaccination is kept current.

Draft Ordinance 4-32

- Draft ordinance 4-32 adds language that would allow the county to adopt the option for dog owners to purchase a lifetime dog license.
- Sec 4-41: adds the language that any person shall obtain an annual or lifetime dog license...
- Sec 4-42: adds language that the lifetime license shall be available for the lifetime of the dog as long as the rabies is kept current as described in section 4-61. This section also defines that refunds will not be issued regardless of any status change of the licensed dog.

Draft Ordinance 4-32, cont.

Sec 4-52: defines that a dog is deemed unlicensed if the rabies vaccination or inoculation is not kept current and becomes invalid on the same date that the dog's rabies expired

Proposed County Dog License Fees

- Lifetime Dog License- \$20
- I Year Dog License- Altered- \$5.00
- I Year Dog License- Not Altered- \$10.00
- Duplicate Dog License- \$1.00
- The county will no longer offer 2 year or 3 year dog licenses
- Multi-dog licenses will remain at the current fee structure

How Does The Lifetime License Work

- (a) The lifetime dog license shall be valid only as long as the licensed dog's owner resides in the county and said dog's rabies vaccination is kept current.
- (b) Should a dog's rabies vaccination or inoculation expire, any lifetime dog license issued for that dog shall become invalid concurrently on the same date the dog's rabies vaccination or inoculation expired, and said license shall not be valid again as a lifetime dog license under this article until said dog's rabies vaccination or inoculation is again current. A dog shall be deemed to be unlicensed for any time during which its lifetime dog license is deemed to be invalid pursuant to this section